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**SB 1052 – An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture**

Testimony of Matthew Maneggia, L.Ac.  
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Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Matthew Maneggia. I am a Licensed Acupuncturist (Lic.# 000424) in the State of Connecticut, a member of the American Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, and a diplomate of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. I have a Masters of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine after graduating from a four-year, 3,000 hour program at the Academy of Oriental Medicine in Austin, TX. I also completed a six-week internship at the Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Chengdu, China.

I was born in Manchester, CT, raised in Bolton, and currently reside in Hartford. After graduating with a Bachelors Degree from Brown University, I lived out-of-state for close to ten years. However, upon graduation from my acupuncture program, I decided to move back to my home state to begin my career as a Licensed Acupuncturist. In August of 2007, I opened my first practice in West Hartford and have enjoyed steady growth and success in my business since.

First off, let me offer my sincere thanks for raising SB 1052. I whole-heartedly encourage you to approve this bill in your Committee. I believe strongly that having an up-to-date definition of the practice of acupuncture is reasonable and necessary in our state. In my relatively short time in practice, I have already witnessed a significant increase in public awareness and acceptance of this therapy. I believe that defining the practice of acupuncturists is imperative to protecting the safety of the public/consumers as they seek out a qualified acupuncturist to provide their therapy.

Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine offer consumers a way to take charge of their health and lead more productive lives. In my practice, I specialize in the treatment of chronic pain. I have helped people avoid surgery, helped them get back to work, and helped them avoid taking habit-forming and potentially dangerous pain medication. Many of my patients are conventional medicine practitioners including physical therapists, dentists, doctors and surgeons. For these consumers to chose the best provider for their care, the definition of the practice of acupuncture in CT should be as clear, well-defined, and accurate as possible.

Thank you for your time, and thanks again for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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Cc: [Senator Eric D. Coleman, Representative Matthew Ritter]